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From: Purvis, Melissa
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 11:47 AM
To: Duke, Daphne
Subject: FW: sceg Rate Increase
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-----Original Message-----

From: C. [mailto:cjsalvo2010@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 11:45 AM
To: ViceChairman.Howard
Subject: sceg Rate Increase

Mr. Mitchell:

In the event there is any doubt left in your mind as to what most South Carolinian's think about the rate hike, let me clarify: we cannot afford it. That you and your peers on the PSC would even consider it is a disgrace to humanity. How exactly do you sleep at night? The statements set forth in the below document, I truly believe, state the facts of the matter. SCEG is nothing more than a parasitic and greedy monopoly.

Mr. Mitchell, do you pay your entire light bill each month? Does SCEG give you a reduced rate? What will you do for your fellow South Carolinian's?

The courtesy of a reply would be appreciated. Please see the scanned document at the bottom of this email.

Cynthia Salvo
Ridgeville, SC

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Gates, Nina

From: C. [cjsalvo2010@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 11:43 AM
To: Commissioner.Mitchell
Subject: SCEG rate increase

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2. Customers are still facing the 2.5% increase which was implemented in March 2009 to pay for two new nuclear power plants. Electricity generated by these plants will be SOLD to North Carolina for the benefit of SCANA. Where is the benefit to SC residents who paid for the plants?
3. SCE&G is wholly owned by SCANA Corporation. SCANA has increased the annual dividend rate on its common stock in 56 of the last 58 years. It projects a 6% increase in dividends hereafter, based in part on a 'supportive regulatory environment.
4. SCANA reported earnings results for the fourth quarter of 2009 of \$76 million. Revenue was \$1.1 billion. The CEO and Chairman of the Board, William B. Timmerman, received a salary of nearly \$1.2 million, plus a bonus of nearly \$200,000.
5. Last September SCANA moved 900 employees into a new \$142 million campus in Cayce, SC. It says the rate increase will not be used to pay for the building; obviously prior rate increases have already done that. SCANA's abandonment of the building in downtown Columbia has caused a 30% decrease in business in that area.
6. SCE&G has a monopoly on its customers; we cannot simply switch electric companies like we switch grocery stores or gas stations if the cost goes up. SCE&G and SCANA are abusing us.
7. Berkeley Electric Cooperative has just announced a rate DECREASE of 7.3%; further BEC customers are already paying less per kilowatt than SCE&G customers.

Gates, Nina

From: C. [cjsalvo2010@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 11:50 AM
To: Chairman.Hamilton
Subject: sceg Rate Hike

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